



**THE LORD'S DAY**  
*December 25, 2022*  
**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**  
*10:00 a.m.*

PRELUDE *Piano/Chancel Organ*

STRIKING THE HOUR *"Adeste Fideles" The Carillon Bells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

† INTROIT *"The King is Coming"* Page 763  
† Please stand as you are able. (Verse 1)

† HYMN *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* Page 277  
 (All Verses)

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
 † ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"Joy to the World"* Page 270  
 (Verses 1,2,4)

**WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND  
 RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES**

PASTORAL PRAYER  
 RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 30"* *Psalter 30<sup>A</sup>*  
Sung to the tune of: "O Jesus I Have Promised"  
 (Verses 2,5)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT  
 AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
 † DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER



**WE LIFT OUR  
 VOICES IN PRAISE**

HYMN *"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"* Page 267  
 (Verses 1,3,4)

SPECIAL MUSIC

**EXPOSITION OF THE WORD  
 AND CONFESSION OF FAITH**

THE SERMON  
*"The Good News Incarnate"*  
 Luke 2:1-20

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"Sing We Now of Christmas"* Page 275  
 (Verses 1,3)

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

**DEPART IN PEACE TO  
 LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

MEET AND GREET COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.

*If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here.  
 We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey,  
 learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with Us!*



In this constantly changing world our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith

**OUR MISSION**

TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,  
 EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.



THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE  
**FEAST OF CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 Isaiah 7:10-16 • Romans 1:1-7  
 Luke 2:1-20 • Psalm 132:1-11

WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be God's inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on God's creation of us in His image and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This truth leads us to affirm life's sanctity at every stage, from conception to ordinary death.
- The Biblical guidelines for immutable gender and sexuality. The exclusive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its vows. And chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- God made all people from one man, and although different ethnicities and nationalities can distinguish people, we are all one human race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption.
- The Church's mission is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in every word and deed, proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

CAMPUS ATTENDANCE  
 LAST SUNDAY: 121

Are you interested in Church Membership? We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. Please see Pastor Kler today.

Our Church believes in financial transparency and so our Quarterly Reports are displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**GIVING REPORT**

*Week Ending December 18, 2022*  
**\$2,919**

Sunday General Giving	2,484
Online General Giving	300
<b>Total General Gifts</b>	<b>2,784</b>
Less 3% to Building	-84
Less 10% to Missions	-278
<b>Net General</b>	<b>2,422</b>
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	144
Missions	278
Flowers	75
<b>Total Designated Giving</b>	<b>497</b>
Net General	2,422
Designated Giving	497
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,919</b>



IT DOESN'T take long for the average news reader perusing today's articles to come across a shocking revelation: Scandals are all around us. But would it surprise you to learn that the circumstances surrounding Christmas were also scandalous and provocative? A God-man, a Virgin birth, yeah, right?!

*In Carno* ~  
The birth of Jesus is known doctrinally as the Incarnation. The Latin verb "incarno" is derived from two words "in" & "carno," meaning quite literally "to make into flesh." In a literal sense, Jesus came "in the meat" – that is, in the flesh. But why is the Incarnation so important?

*It Is Central to The Christian Faith* ~  
Spurgeon said, "The birth of Jesus is the grandest light of history, the sun in the heavens of all time. It is the pole star of human destiny, the hinge of chronology, the meeting place of the waters of the past and the future."

More than a festive way to spend our late Decembers, the doctrine of the Incarnation is perhaps the central truth in Christian doctrine. It is found in almost every Christian creed or statement of faith. In fact, Even the Apostles' Creed communicates the Incarnation very succinctly by stating: "I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary..."  
In other words, Jesus, pre-existent and fully God, was conceived of the Virgin with a real, tangible, physical body.

Jesus Christ was born of a woman. He was born to parents. He had uncles, aunts, and cousins. He hungered. He thirsted. He got tired. He fell asleep. He yawned. He had internal organs and hands and feet and hair. His family was a part of a tribe of people in Israel. His family had traditions and beliefs. They celebrated holidays. They celebrated birthdays and traditions and sat around and had conversations. They laughed and cried and talked together. Do you believe that? Many don't!

The Incarnation is such a problematic and powerful doctrine that sometimes we tiptoe around it as Christians. Or we completely ignore it: We emphasize the crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and imminent return of Jesus. But we don't stress the Incarnation as much as we really should. However, it is a benchmark belief to determine those who hold to the orthodox Christian faith and those who are part of aberrant cult groups. The Incarnation is consistently attacked by Muslims and Jews who would dismantle the Christian faith. It is also insightful that Unitarians, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Mormons which purport to be under the banner of Christianity, all falter and stumble on this one point – they deny the whole truth of the Incarnation and thereby have shipwrecked their faith and credibility.

Admittedly, there are few things more scandalous than a teenage girl who is supposed to be a virgin telling everyone she has become pregnant with God's child. But it is the Truth. Jesus was no ordinary child. He was, and is, the God-Man, the Son of the Highest, whose name means "Salvation."

"Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel!" (Isaiah 7:14).

The Chancel Flowers Placed by:

**The Kler Family**  
*In honor of the Miracle of the Incarnation*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----DECEMBER-----

No Bible Study.....Wednesday, December, 28<sup>th</sup>  
 ~ ANNO DOMINI 2023 ~  
 New Year's Day Service & Sunday School.....Regular Service Times  
 Removal of the Greens .....Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
 Next Board Meeting.....Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Join Us On  
**January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 6:00 PM**  
**Removing of the Greens**  
Taking down the Tree is just as fun as putting it up (said no one ever) but please come help us anyway.

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 ~OR~  
 Give via text message by texting the amount, you would like to give to  
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Rev. H. Joseph Kler  
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Minister of Music / Choir Director

**OUR MUSICIANS**  
Pianists: Dee Schultz, Ann Dantuma,  
Flutist: Donna Zenisek-Huber

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Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

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# FAIRVIEW

COMMUNITY CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS  
 ...a Christ-centered, Reformed faith fellowship.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but encourage one another as the *Day of the Lord* draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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